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Title: TIRE FOR VEHICLES HAVING A HIGH WEAR RESISTANCE AND  
VULCANIZABLE RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR MAKING THE SAME  
being a **Continuation** of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/10190  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/10190, filed December 20, 1999, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98204414.1, filed December 22, 1998 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/114,256, filed December 28, 1998.

1. Application - 49 pages, including 4 independent claims and 34 claims total(as amended).
2. Preliminary Amendment with Abstract of the Disclosure (1 page).
3. Drawings - 1 sheet of formal drawings containing 1 figure.

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4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 6 documents attached.
5. Copy of cover page of WIPO Publication No. WO00/37267.
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Application No. 98204414.1, filed December 22, 1998 and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/114,256, filed December 28, 1998.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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